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First Night Celebrations

Missoula and Kalispell welcome 2015 with First Night, a community-wide celebration of the arts.

The Missoula Cultural Council is preparing for its 21st annual First Night, which will showcase 100 performances and activities at more than 30 venues on Dec. 31.

Special events include the Children’s Parade of Hats at Southgate Mall at 1 p.m.; ice carving on the courthouse lawn; the First Night Spotlight High School talent competition; performances by Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre, Dublin Gulch, The Celtic Dragon Pipe Band, Salsa Loca, the John Floridis Trio, Tom Catmull’s Radio Static and many more; and the Grand Finale at the University Center with a choice between the Ed Norton Big Band and the Drum Brothers.

Call 406-541-0860 or visit www.missoulacultural.org.

The 16th annual First Night Flathead kicks off with free family activities from 1-4 p.m. at the Kalispell Center Mall, followed by musical performances from 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at various downtown venues. Performers include Rob, Halladay and Guthrie Quist, the Kenny James Miller Band, Jack Gladstone, Luke Dowler, Tra le Gael, and the Tropical Montana Marimba Ensemble. Call 406-257-1535 or visit www.firstnightflathead.org.

ARTS CALENDAR, JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Kalispell

January 11

“Women’s Activism in Modern America” - 2:30 p.m., Museum at Central School, 406-243-6022

January 22

Winter Art Maker Series: Rob Akey - 5:30-7 p.m., Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268

January 25

Glacier Symphony and Chorale: “Mark of Zorro” - 3 p.m., Flathead High School Performance Hall, 406-407-7000

February 8

“The Life of Nancy Cooper Russell” - 2:30 p.m., Museum at Central School, 406-243-6022

February 17

SAXsational with Rob Verdi - 7:30 p.m., Flathead High School Performance Hall, Flathead Valley LIVE On Stage, 406-862-3641

February 19

Winter Art Maker Series: Nancy Dunlop Cawdrey - 5:30-7 p.m., Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268

February 21

“Spellebration” Scrabble Event - 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Flathead Valley Community College Arts and Technology Building, 406-257-7323

Lewistown

January 30-February 1

Montana Winter Fair - Eagles Club Grand Hall, 406-538-2200

January 30

The Cold Hard Cash Show - 7:30 p.m., Eagles Club Grand Hall, 406-538-2200

February 4

“The Great Gatsby” - Fergus Center for Performing Arts, 406-243-6809

February 24

Saxsational - 7:30 p.m., Fergus Center for the Performing Arts, 406-535-9503

Livingston

January 16-17

2015 Season Kick-off Gala - 8 p.m., Blue Slipper Theatre, 406-222-7720

February 12

Reading: M.L. Smoker - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, Elk River Arts and Lectures, and Murray Hotel, 406-333-2330

Lolo

February 7

“A Black Homesteader’s Struggle” - 11 a.m.-noon, Travelers’ Rest State Park, 406-243-6022

February 28

“Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?” - 11 a.m.-noon, Travelers’ Rest State Park, 406-243-6022

Malta

February 10

Tumbledown House - 7 p.m., Malta High School, Northeastern Arts Network, 406-489-4304

Miles City

January 3

Erin’s Crystal Ball - 5:30 p.m., Miles Community College Centra, 406-234-0406

January 15

“The Life and Loves of a Nuclear Weapons Inspector” - 6:30 p.m., Miles City Community College library, 406-243-6022

Missoula

January 4

Jewish Film Festival: “Ushpizin” - 5 p.m., The Roxy Theater, 406-549-9595

January 10

Tango Milonga - 8 p.m., Downtown Dance Collective, 406-541-7240

January 13, February 10

“Standing Together: Veterans’ Reading and Discussion” - 6-7 p.m., Bayern Brewing, 406-243-6022

January 17, 20, 27

The Met: Live in HD: “The Merry Widow,” Roxy Theater, 406-322-2589

January 23-25, 28-February 1

“Clue, The Musical” - MCT Center for the Performing Arts, Missoula Community Theatre, 406-728-7529

January 23

Montana Rep Silver Celebration Gala - 6:30 p.m., UM Montana Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-6809

January 24

Argentine Tango Dance - 7:30-10 p.m., Florence Hotel lobby, 406-541-7240
Jim Jefferies - 9 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

January 24, 29-31, February 5, 7

“The Great Gatsby” - 7:30 p.m., UM Montana Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581

January 25

Celebrate Piano Series: Margery McDuffie Whatley - 3 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-4581

January 27

Kip Moore - 7:30 p.m., Adams Center, 406-243-4051

January 30

Gareth Emery - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521
Missoula Symphony Orchestra: Family Concert - 7 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-721-3194

January 31

Marching Band - Stadium Echoes - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051

January 31, February 3, 10

The Met: Live in HD: “Les Contes D’Hoffman,” Roxy Theater, 406-322-2589

February 5

Brian Regan - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051

February 6-16

Big Sky Film Festival - Wilma Theatre, 406-541-3456

February 7

“History of Social Dance in America” - 6-7 p.m., Union Hall, 406-243-6022

Ruby Jubilee Benefit Auction and Dinner - 5 p.m., University Center Ballroom, Missoula Art Museum, 406-728-0447

February 8

Jewish Film Festival: “The Lady in No. 6” and “Music Saved” - 5 p.m., The Roxy Theater, 406-549-9595

February 14, 17, 24

The Met: Live in HD: “Iolanta” and “Blackbeard’s Castle,” Roxy Theater, 406-322-2589

February 18

UM Big Bands: “How to Succeed in Swinging” - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4581



Inspired by sounds from around the world, bridging folk, jazz and chamber music, Jayme Stone and the Lomax Project perform in Whitefish and Helena in February.

February 21

Off the Rack - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-721-1646

February 22

String Orchestra of The Rockies: “Death and the Maiden” - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-493-2990

February 25

Freedom Sings - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4719

February 27

Hospice Benefit Ball - 6 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Hospice Care Foundation, 406-541-2255

February 27-28

“Playing Monopoly with God and Other True Stories” - Crystal Theatre, 406-241-3500

February 28

Missoula Symphony Orchestra: “Keys to the Heart” featuring Spencer Myer - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-721-3194

Pablo

January 25

“Shooting Month (Salish/Pend d’Oreille), Dancing Month (Kootenai)” - 1-4 p.m., People’s Center, 406-675-0160

February 8

“Coldest Month (Salish/Pend d’Oreille), Month of the Bear (Kootenai)” - 1-4 p.m., People’s Center, 406-675-0160

Plains

January 26

“The Great Gatsby” - Plains High School Gym, 406-243-6809



Complex, interlocking rhythms of Africa meet the soulful and rich tunes of the blues in CanadAfrica performances in Ronan and Seeley Lake in February.

Polson

January 17

Jonathan Kingham - 7 p.m., Polson High School Auditorium, Big Productions, 406-676-2427

January 23-25

Flathead Lake International Cinemafest - Showboat Cinemas, 406-883-5603

January 23-24

“Stone Soup” - 7 p.m., Polson High School Auditorium, Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, 406-883-9212

Ronan

February 14

Rebecca Folsom Duo - 7 p.m., Ronan Performing Arts Center, Big Productions, 406-676-2427

February 25

CanadAfrica - 7 p.m., Ronan Performing Arts Center, Big Productions, 406-676-2427

Roundup

January 25

“Haunted Montana: Where the Ghosts Are!” - 2-3 p.m., community library, 406-243-6022

Seeley Lake

January 17

Reading: Malcolm Brooks - 7 p.m., Grizzly Claw Trading Co., 406-677-0008

January 17-18, 23-26, 31-February 1

Wild West Winterfest - downtown, 406-677-2880

January 24

Wild West Winterfest Vaudeville Dinner Show and Silent Auction - 5:30 p.m., Seeley Lake Community Hall, 406-677-2880

January 25

Tom Catmull’s Radio Static - 3 p.m., Seeley Swan High School, 406-677-0717

February 7

Reading: Ken Egan - 7 p.m., Grizzly Claw Trading Co., 406-677-0008

February 22

CanadAfrica - 3 p.m., Seeley Swan High School, 406-677-0717

Sidney

February 5

Tumbledown House - 7 p.m., MonDak Heritage Center, Northeastern Arts Network, 406-489-4304

February 21

Rob Verdi: Saxsational - 7 p.m., MonDak Heritage Center, 406-433-3500

Virginia City

January 17, February 21

Winter Chautauqua - 6:30 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5454

Whitefish

January 24

Lil’ Smokies - 8 p.m., I.A. O’Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5371
Glacier Symphony and Chorale: “Mark of Zorro” - 7:30 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, 406-407-7000

January 31-February 1

Black Curtain: “Letters to Sala” - 7:30 p.m., I.A. O’Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5371

February 5

Jayme Stone and The Lomax Project - 7:30 p.m., I.A. O’Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5371

February 19-22, 27-28

“The Hobbit” - I.A. O’Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish Theatre Company, 406-862-5371